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Bleacherites Will Do Well to Leave Manager Stallings's Property Severely Alone for He Has Determined to Stop a Pernicious Custom--Umpire Must Apologize.

BY TOM DUGAN.



It is all over now and I wouldn't have said anything about the affair here, for I prefer to leave past happenings go with past history, unless good reasons present themselves to dig certain sporting gossip up again. I believe in recalling an unpleasant thing which happened down at the baseball park a couple of weeks ago, when Umpire Sullivan and Manager Stallings got into a row. Alleged stories have gone along the Eastern League circuit to the effect that when these two men clashed the special policemen at the park took a hand in the fight and belabored Sullivan. Only the other day over in Jersey City a newspaper came out and repeated this unjust accusation. I have quietly went around and, unknown to even the special cops at the baseball park, got a number of witnesses to that fight and who saw the whole thing from A to Z, and from them I learned to my own satisfaction that not one of the specials did anything but help duty. They took Sullivan away from the manager of the Tigers, and ordered him to get in another room at the Casino, so as to bring the row to an end. Chief of the Special Officers James Sullivan wanted to place the umpire would have been arrested. The stories that say the special cops molested the umpire is a rank piece of injustice to the special cops, and it is in their defense that I went to the trouble of learning every little detail connected with that unfortunate affair. These men have to stand enough abuse without being unjustly accused of something they did not do. It is up to Umpire Sullivan to see that the specials get an apology, for he knows that they do not deserve to be "knocked" for doing their duty in the line of police work.

A Warning to Thieves.

It may seem funny and out of place for me to say anything about thieves in this column, yet it is absolutely necessary for the fans to know that every day they mix up with them at the baseball park, and the warning is given here for the benefit of the thoughtless young man who thinks it is no harm to pocket a ball that goes into the bleachers any time a foul ball is sent into that territory. At every game a ball is apt to be knocked into the bleachers, and the custom of some, not all, is for the fellow who gets his hands on the ball to keep it. When the "special" goes on a hunt for it he is feared, and the fans, thoughtless ones, laugh over the affair as if it did not amount to anything.

Well, Stop and Consider.

I think this custom now prevailing will stop after the fans have had their attention called to this matter. If it is not stopped Manager Stallings says he will go to one of the private detective agencies in this burg and employ men to go into the bleachers and get evidence against these fans who steal the balls. Arrests will follow. Now stop, you fans who have been enjoying the discomfiture of the "specials" in the bleachers. These balls cost \$1.25 each. Every time a ball is stolen the fellow who does it does no less than put his hand into Manager Stallings's pockets and extracts that amount of money. It is a crime, just as much as it would be to put your hand in the box office and take that amount of money. Any man who has a conscience will admit this.

What Stallings Thinks About It.

I stood alongside of the "Tiger" man the other day when one bleacherite sitting on the fourth tier third base line got a ball and put it under his coat in his armpit. "See that fellow," said the manager; "well, he is a thief in every meaning of the word. Personally, I feel like going over, grabbing that fellow by the neck and kicking him out of these grounds. But I did that I would be a lawbreaker. I have no distinction to make between that fellow and a common thief. Now I will engage detectives to mix with that crowd and get some of these thieves with my property on them. I will push the charges against them if it costs me my profits here for this season. I am going to break up this practice right now, but I would like to give these fellows a warning. A

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ALL NEWS OF NEWARK SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

RICHEST MEN ON
TURF WILL SERVE
AS RACE STEWARDS.

DEGROFF, ONCE CANNED IN LEAGUE, MAKING GOOD WITH JERSEY CITY

**Clown Ball Player Is Hitting
Well Over .300 and Is Field-
ing in Great Style.**

Rube De Groff, tried out for a season three years ago by the Rochester Club, and who has since played with Utica in the New York State League, is certainly making good in Jocko Halligan's old spot in centre field for the Skeeters. Not only is Rube fielding in his usual whirlwind style, but he is batting at .325 and easily leads the rest of the Jersey City players with the stick.

Rube stands second in the league in stolen bases, having annexed five, while Schirm, of Buffalo, has three more than him.

De Groff is one of the comedians in baseball, and is a favorite every place he plays. He is a graduate of the old Hudson River League, but was hardly fast enough for Eastern League company when he broke in. De Groff was tried out by the St. Louis Nationals, but was canned because of the New York State League for more experience. De Groff has never hit less than .300 in the New York League, though some of the left-hand pitchers in the Eastern League used to make Rube tremble when he went to the plate.

Joe Bean thinks that the big Rube will do. About every ball hit in the air toward centre field is sure to give the Rube a chance to pull off a spectacular catch, as De Groff's arms go like a windmill when he is chasing a ball, which always makes the catch appear difficult.

THE LINCOLNS NEXT SUNDAY.

The Lincoln baseball club will have as their opponents on the new grounds, corner Hillside avenue and Runyon street, Sunday afternoon, the Eurekas, A. C. of this city. The Eurekas are a fast aggregation and should give a good account of themselves against the Lincoln ball tossers. Game called at 3:30.

NEWARK MAN SAYS BURNS WILL MAKE JOHNSON'S YELLOW STREAK STILL WIDER IF THEY MEET

**Frank J. Kelly Relates Incident
When Tommy Made Big
Snake Crawl.**

Frank J. Kelly, known years ago in the boxing world as the "Hoboken Cyclone," and who met several of the best men some years ago, but who has quit the business and is now employed in this city as an agent for the E. A. Williams Company, dropped into THE EVENING STAR office today and brought up old recollections of the late lamented Joe Goddard and the days when the Australian did his training for his fights at Passaic City some years ago.

Kelly has been on the coast for a number of years and was there a year ago, when Tommy Burns fought Jack O'Brien. Kelly gave up the boxing game and took up handling of fighters, and went to Burns's quarters and helped him in his fight with O'Brien and Bill Squires. Kelly thinks a great deal of Burns's chance in beating Jack Johnson. In speaking of this subject Kelly said: "I was in Spider Kelly's cafe on Filmore street, 'Frisco, after the O'Brien fight, when Jack Johnson walked in and started to talk fight with a couple of sporting men who were there. Tommy Burns was busy reading a paper, and he listened for some time to Johnson telling how anxious he was to get a chance at Jeffries. Burns could not stand this line of talk very long, and going up to the bar where the colored fellow was, Tommy pulled out two \$500 bills and threw them on the bar, said: 'Johnson, do you want to fight? If you do, cover that and come in this back room and I will fight you right now.' Johnson squirmed out of it by saying that he did all his fighting in the ring."

"I want to say to your readers," said Kelly, "that if Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson do come together, just watch out for this man Burns. He knows that in a forty-five round fight Johnson might have the best of it, but he also knows that in a twenty round affair he can get to Johnson. Now, I



RUBE DE GROFF.



Frank J. Kelly.

know both men. Burns is as clever as Johnson, but he doesn't show it. Johnson is the colored Kid McCoy. He is flashy with it and Burns is just the opposite. Burns is speedier than Johnson. In hitting powers it is a standoff. Johnson has an inch and a half the better of it in the reach, while he has eight inches to spare over Burns when it comes to the height. But Burns will whip Johnson by getting under his right, just as Volcott whipped Joe Chynowski in a similar way."

Kelly talks so intelligently about fighters as to be interesting. He knows the inside workings of the game and when he gives his opinion as to the outcome of the Burns and Johnson fight it is worth something. He admits that Burns is somewhat shaky of the outcome of a battle with Johnson, but also says that Johnson has a wide yellow streak which Burns knows of and which Burns will make wider before the bout begins, if the two ever agree to hitch up in a battle.

minutes. These tryouts will be held on May 25 and 26, and are to be merely guides. Under no circumstances does the committee agree that the winners shall be sent.

An entrance fee of \$2 per man in each event will be charged. Olympic diplomas will be awarded to the winners.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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SHOW**

Held last night, and were unable to attend, owing to the inclement weather, can use the tickets for the Show which will be repeated.

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CROKER'S RHODORA LANDS BIG NEWMARKET STAKES

**Winner Is Half-Sister to Orby,
Who Captured Derby Last
Year.**

LONDON, May 8.—The One Thousand Guinea Stakes at Newmarket today was won by Richard Croker's Rhodora, against a field of eighteen horses. The betting was 100 to 8 against the winner.

Rhodora is a half-sister to Orby, Mr. Croker's horse that won the Derby last year, is by St. Frusquin out of the American mare Rhoda D. and was bred by Mr. Croker. Rhodora won the Dewhurst plate for 2-year-olds last November, defeating King Edward's Perrier by two lengths; in August she won the Londonderry plate at Leopardstown, and in May the Cadogan plate at the same place.

She is engaged for the Epsom Oaks, but is not entered for the derby. By capturing this event Rhodora, Mr. Croker's brilliant 3-year-old filly, has added another classic to the sporting trophies already captured by the American sportsman. She won today's event from a big field of eighteen horses with comparative ease.

The event of today was doubly an American victory, for Lucien Lyne, the American jockey, rode the winner. He displayed such judgment that Rhodora, turned the tables on the favorite, Keesla, a horse that defeated the

American filly in the Middle Park plate last year, and that up to the present time never had been beaten. Lyne lay behind Elm Twig until The Buses were reached. Here he drove his mount to the front and romped home two lengths ahead of Bracelet, with Ardentrive third. Only a neck separated Ardentrive and Courtesy, the fourth horse.

Mr. Croker was present to see his filly win, and King Edward and the Prince of Wales also were among the big crowd that witnessed the American victory.

The betting was as follows: Rhodora, 100 to 8 against; Bracelet, 5 to 1 against, and Ardentrive, 200 to 6 against.

FOXING BOUTS PULLED OUT A LARGE CROWD

**And Professor Troxler Will Re-
peat Bill Next Mon-
day Night.**

About 500 sports gathered at the Colosseum on Springfield avenue last night and saw ten good bouts of "foxing" between pupils of Professor Troxler. The stormy weather doubtless kept many away who otherwise would have been at the big show. There was no disappointment and every member carded to perform went on and did good work with the big muffs patented by Troxler.

There were more tickets sold than turned out last night and with a wish to please the subscribers, Professor Troxler has generously decided to repeat last night's program on next Monday night at the same place. This little act of Troxler ought to make him a host of friends, for it shows that he is willing to give his patrons full value for their money.

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LAJOIE MAY SELL PERRING TO TOLEDO.

CLEVELAND, May 8.—Manager Lajoie of the Naps has turned down a proposition from the Boston Club to swap George Stovall for Bob Engleau, feeling assured the Kansas City butcher is a more valuable man than the Williamsport inspector of sewers. The Clevelanders are well provided in all departments save the infield, and Secretary Ernest Barnard is off on a still hunt for a capable understudy to Terry Turner, who is hardly likely to resume his position at short before Decoration Day. Both George Nill and young Perring, who have tried to fill Turner's shoes, have proved flukes, and as Lajoie wants to keep the Naps near the top, the Cleveland Club is making strenuous efforts to land a good utility man who can cover short.

It is believed that Jap Barbeau, now with Toledo, will be repurchased from the Mudhens, Armour and the Cleveland management being on friendly terms. Toledo probably will get in exchange for the diminutive infielder Perring and a pitcher. Walter Clarkson was slated to go to Toledo, but balked, and now is managing a shoe store here. Provided waivers can be obtained on Chech and Perring, these players will go to Toledo and Barbeau will don a Cleveland uniform.

HORGAN BESTS DALY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 8.—John Horgan, of Elmira, N. Y., former world's pool champion, yesterday defeated John Daly, of Chicago, three cushion billiard champion, 50 to 33, in the first block of a contest of 150 points for the three-cushion title and the Lambert trophy. The remaining blocks will be played Saturday nights. Horgan's high run, 8; average, 3.71; Daly's high run, 4; average, .48.

POLICE WILL PLAY BALL.

The Second Precinct baseball team will play the Borden team in the northern division of Branch B. Park at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

VERONA LAKE MAY BE TEST PLACE FOR OLYMPIC TRYOUTS

NEW YORK, May 8.—The executive committee of the American Olympic Games Committee has decided to hold swimming tryouts during the first week in June at either Travers Island or Verona Lake. The events will be as follows: 100 metres, 400 metres, 1,500 metres, 200 metres, breast stroke; 100 metres, back stroke; high diving, from five and ten-metre boards, firm take-off; fancy diving, from one and three-metre springboards.

The committee will select from the place men in the tryouts the men for the 200 metres team race. These tryouts are merely guides and the committee is by no means bound to take the winner of any event if, in their opinion, he stands no chance of winning. Entries will close with James E. Sullivan, No. 21 Warren street, New York, on May 23. An entrance fee of \$2 per man for each event will be charged. No prizes will be given, but an Olympic diploma will be awarded to those finishing first, second and third.

The executive committee has also decided to hold wrestling tryouts, catch-as-catch-can style, at the following weights: Bantam, to 119 pounds; feather, to 133 pounds; light, to 147 pounds; middle, to 161 pounds; heavy, over 161 pounds.

The bouts will be limited to fifteen